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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY NEWSON'S VISIT

REF: A. STATE 165179; B. STATE 165178 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN ADVISOR AGHA SHAHI THIS MORNING, BRIEFED HIM ON PROPOSED NEWSOM ITINERARY USING REFS.

I ASKED IF HE COULD GIVE US INDICATION TODAY ON ACCEPTABILITY OF THE DATES FOR THE ISLAMABAD STOP. SHAHI ASKED FONSEC SHAHNAWAZ TO JOIN US, THEN NOTED THAT HE (SHAHI) MIGHT WELL BE OUT OF COUNTRY ON THE DATES INDICATED. HE SAID THAT THE GOP IS COMMITTED TO SENDING MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION TO BAGHDAD FROM 13 TO 20 JULY TO REPRESENT PAKISTAN AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE BAATH PARTY. HE SEEMED UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE TRIP AND WHETHER HE WOULD GO

2. HE ALSO NOTED IN PASSING THAT HE MIGHT NOT BE HOLDER OF THE FOREIGN SECRET

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AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO ON THE NEW GOVERNMENT GENERAL ZIA IS TO FORM ON JULY  ${\bf 5}$ 

3. HE THEN SAID HIS PRESENCE DURING THE NEWSOM VISIT WAS PROBABLY NOT ESSENTIAL IN ANY EVENT. "THE GOVERNMENT ARE ALL ON THE SAME WAVE

LENGTH," HE SAID, FROM "THE CMLA ON DOWN", AND THE FONSEC WOULD BE HERE TO RECEIVE THE UNDER SECRETARY. ALSO, RECALLING HIS CONVERSATIONS

IN NEW YORK WITH THE SECRETARY AND HIS CONVERSATIONS HERE WITH ME, HE OBSERVED, "WE HAVE TALKED A LOT, OF COURSE."

4. I SAID THAT NATURALLY WE HOPE HE COULD TAKE PART. HE SAID HE ALSO HOPED SO, BUT THAT PROPOSED DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE; HIS POSSIBLE ABSENCE

SHOULD NOT BE REASON FOR SUGGESTING ALTERNATIVE DATES.

- 5. I SAID I HOPED GENERAL ZIA WOULD MEET WITH NEWSOM. SHAHI AND SHAHNAWAZ SAID THEY ARE SURE THE GENERAL WOULD WANT TO SEE HIM. I ASKED
- --IN VIEW OF PRESS REPORTS OF IMPENDING VISIT TO MOSCOW OF GOP SECRETARY GENERAL-IN-CHIEF GHULAM ISHAQ--IF GHULAM ISHAQ WOULD BE HERE

DURING NEWSOM VISIT; AGHA SHAHI SAID HE WOULD.

6. COMMENT: GOP OBVIOUSLY REGARDS THIS VISIT AS VERY IMPORTANT; MY APPOINTMENT WITH AGHA SHAHI WAS ARRANGED IN MINUTES RATHER THAN THE USUAL HOURS AS A RESULT OF THEIR KNOWING I WISHED TO DISCUSS THE NEWSOM VISIT. POLCOUNS AND I CAME AWAY FROM THE MEETING FEELING THAT SHAHI MAY, IN FACT, HAVE SOME INDICATION HE WILL NOT BE THE MANAGER OF PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO AFTER 5 JULY.

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7. IN ANY EVENT, WITH OR WITHOUT AGHA SHAHI, WE HAVE GOP COMMITMENT TO

THE DATES PROPOSED. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE RESERVE FRIDAY EVENING THE 14TH FOR SESSIONS IN-HOUSE AND FOR DINNER WITH COUNTRY TEAM, THAT WE HOLD BOTH SATURDAY THE 15TH AND SUNDAY THE 16TH AS FREE AS POSSIBLE FOR TALKS WITH VARIOUS GOP LEADERS--GENERAL ZIA, FOREIGN SECRETARY, NEW FOREIGN MINISTER (IF THERE IS ONE), GHULAM ISHAQ AND OTHERS. WE CAN FIT IN MEETING WITH YOUNGER FSOS, ETC. ONCE THE REST OF THE SCHEDULE BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE. I ASSUME GOP WILL INVITE UNDER SECRETARY TO DINNER ON THE 15TH OR 16TH, AND I WILL DO A DINNER FOR WHATEVER NIGHT THEY DO NOT PICK.

8. ASSUMING MONSOON WEATHER PERMITS, EMBASSY AIRCRAFT (C-12A) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL LEGS AS PROPOSED; WE WILL BACK-UP PESHAWAR-RAWAL-

PINDI LEG WITH A CAR FOR POSSIBLE OVERLAND TRIP (ABOUT 2 1/2 HOURS) IF WEATHER CONDITIONS PROHIBIT FLIGHT, AND RAWALPINDI-KARACHI LEG WITH PIA RESERVATION PK-301 DEPARTING RAWALPINDI AT 0930 ON MONDAY 17,

JULY.

9. POLCOUNS HAGERTY WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER. HUMMEL

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